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The Socceroos in the Auckland match, from left: Maher, Sharne, Boden, Krncevic, Kosmina, Davidson, Perry, Rogers, Blair, Henderson and captain Barnes.

AUST. NEEDS WIN TO THE CAPTAINS KEEP HOPES



Murray Barnes (left) and Steve Sumner exchange some friendly words after the Auckland match. Who will have reason to smile on Saturday evening?

THE COACHES



John Adshead (left) and Rudi Gutendorf, the respective coaches, both giving a confident grin at a pre-match conference. Whose career will be in jeopardy after the weekend match at the Sydney Cricket Ground?

Almost three years of preparation, struggle, heated arguments and financial sacrifices could be partially justified on Saturday when the Socceroos meet New Zealand at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Both teams will enter the field knowing perfectly well that defeat would just about end their hopes of reaching Spain in 1982.

New Zealand come to Sydney with a remarkable tour record, having beaten Fiji 4-0, drawn with Taiwan 0-0 and last Monday night beating Indonesia 2-0 in Jakarta.

These plus the 3-3 draw against us in Auckland gives them 6 valuable points — five of them in three away matches, without conceding a single goal.

Many critics speculated that this quick tour, with one match after the other, would shatter the Kiwis.

On the contrary: they seem to have blended into a solid team and their morale must be sky-high, especially after their excellent win in Jakarta where last December the Socceroos only managed a 1-1 draw.

Should New Zealand force yet another draw in Sydney on Saturday, they would be in the box-seat to win this group.

It's impossible to agree with those who brush off the New Zealand team with a contemptuous smile.

As we saw in the Auckland game, there is precious little difference between the two teams.

If anything, New Zealand may have more unity and cohesion.

Gutendorf, an experienced tactician, is certain to curb his attacking philosophy on Saturday in order not to be caught again by some swift New Zealand counter-punches.

Australia's chances lie in their ability to play very tight at the back, keep possession in midfield and stretch the New Zealand defence on the flanks.

At least one of the Socceroos will have to rise to the occasion and become the spiritual leader of the team on the field, an extended arm of the coach on the bench.

We lacked such a man in Auckland but now Barnes, Henderson or somebody else will simply have to inspire his team.

But we will also — or I should say, we WOULD also — need a couple of players with an extra touch of flair and class to drag the team above its modest standard.

Alas, at present the Socceroos have no such players; an Abonyi or Ut-

ješenovic, for example. Neither does, luckily, New Zealand. Anything we can do they can do — but no better.

So it will be a tough, spine-tingling and close battle.

Victory will go to the better organised and more disciplined team which will be able to convert its few chances better.

Let's hope this team will be Australia.



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TV SOCCER GALORE

The Channel 0-28 Network will give a live telecast for Sydney and Melbourne viewers of the European Champions' Cup final.

The game, at the Parc des Princes of Paris, will be between Liverpool of England and Real Madrid of Spain.

The match will be telecast at 8am on Thursday, May 28 EST and then replayed at 9.30 the same evening.

Negotiations are under way to include other Australian cities in the telecast.

The 0-28 Network has also announced a direct telecasting of Australian World Cup matches.

These will be:

Wednesday, May 20: Australia v Indonesia, Melbourne.

Wednesday, June 10: Australia v Taiwan, Adelaide.

Friday, August 14:

Australia v Fiji, Brisbane. Sunday, August 30: Indonesia v Australia, Jakarta.

Friday, September 4: Taiwan v Australia, Taipei.

The Australia v Indonesia match in Melbourne next week will be replayed at 10.30pm on Thursday, May 21 in both Sydney and Melbourne.

The Australia v Taiwan game in Adelaide on June 10 will be telecast live to Sydney and Melbourne at 9pm (EST).

Details of telecast times of the other matches from Brisbane, Jakarta and Taipei will be announced by the Network later.

Saturday's World Cup game in Sydney against New Zealand will be televised throughout Australia by the ABC—with the exception of Sydney.

INSIDE



OVERSEAS

More and more East European stars find their soccer haven in the West—from Yugoslavia, Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. Menotti wants his Argentinian stars in camp for six months. — PAGE 2.

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Has Rudi Gutendorf missed his chance to build a powerful national team with strong cohesion in his 30 months in charge? Is there a team policy or are selections made haphazardly, off the cuff? — PAGE 3.

PSL NEWS

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NSW DETAILS

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WORLD NEWS...WORLD NEWS...

EAST'S OLD STARS SET IN THE WEST...

Eastern hordes invading Western Europe — well, not quite. But this could be the headline of an afternoon boulevard newspaper if they wanted to sensationalise the growing number of players in the West from Socialist Bloc countries.

Of course, there has always been a trickle, players who escaped from home or simply defected while on tour; this sort of thing goes back to 1947 or so.

The most famous three defectors were Puskas, Kocsis and Czibor from Hungary, in 1956, all settling in Spain.

But in more recent years, players have been leaving for the West with the approval of their associations and governments.

The Yugoslavs opened the floodgates in the 1960s when scores of them joined French, German, Belgian, Dutch and other clubs.

Today manager Milan Miljanic could easily field a powerful national team from players who earn their bread and butter outside Yugoslavia.

After the Yugo came the Poles when they permitted some veteran internationals to leave.

The first to get this privilege was Lubanski who joined the Belgian Lokeren.

MENOTTI WANTS HALF A YEAR...

The manager of Argentina, Luis Cesar Menotti and his top clubs are on collision course.

Menotti recently announced that he wants the national squad players at his disposal on February 14 in 1982 — until after the World Cup, in July.

What's more, he insists that they all take a holiday in January before entering the training camp.

Boca Juniors were the first to protest. They have superstar Maradona on a very expensive 16-month loan — and would go broke if he didn't play for them for six months next year.

Most other clubs have remained silent on the idea — they usually wake up slowly, once they realise that some of their own players will be involved, too.

The Argentinian FA will decide about the matter soon — no doubt finding some sort of a compromise.

In the meantime, Menotti's squad trains once a week and will leave for a tour of Europe in August where they will play against club sides of Spain — at the future World Cup venues — and in Italy where they "owe" a match to Fiorentina for the release of Bertoni for the Little World Cup.



Young Czech stars — dreaming of the West?

Now Lato, Gadocha, and Lubanski play in Belgium, Kasperczak, Marx, Gadocha and Wleczorek in France, Musial in England and Deyna in the USA.

The next to relent was Hungary whose players seem to prefer either the neighbouring Austria or Belgium.

The Hungarians now allow players over 29 and with at least 25 internationals behind them to end their careers abroad.

So far none has applied to play for a Moscow team...



Hungary's Fazekas

Fazekas, Balint and Muller are in Belgium, Pusztai and Dunai in Austria, Salamon in Greece and, soon, they will be followed by Kozma and some others.

The much stricter Czech authorities had to fall in line, too and today half their former national team plays for Austrian clubs: Panenka, Moder, Kuna, Vesely, Polak and Gogh.

The brilliant stopper Ondrus was also promised permission to leave, then it was withdrawn; now for the past six months he has been "ailing" with a mysterious illness — refusing to play for his club, Slovan Bratislava.

One Bulgarian, Petkov and a Soviet star, Sintchenko, also play for Austrian clubs — with legal permit.

So far, the East Germans and the Rumanians have refused to follow this practice: they won't let any of their players abroad.

If they want to leave, they have to defect and face a 12-month suspension endorsed by FIFA.

This is how Nastase and Szatmari "left" early 1980 and now both play for West German clubs.

Szatmari has even become a German citizen: this former "Rumanian" international had a German mother and a Hungarian father, yet lived all his life in Bucharest.

Even some of the East Germans have been hankering for the dolce vita of West European soccer: Pahl, Nachtweih and Eigendorf escaped and now all play for West German clubs.



Poland's Tomaszewski

Three of their colleagues were less fortunate: Muller, Kotte and Weber, all from Dynamo Dresden, were arrested while fleeing their country and have been expelled by their club and then jailed by the authorities.

Arsenal, Köln swap

Woodcock for Stambert? This is the swap that's being discussed now between the German FC Köln and Arsenal.

Tony Woodcock is still unhappy in the German club where, he claims, his colleagues deliberately bypass him during matches.

"I'd go back to England tomorrow, if I could," he says.

And Terry Neill, the Arsenal manager, is working on it.

His own central striker, Frank Stapleton, is known to be keen to follow his friend Liam Brady to the Continent, even if not to Italy.

There is every chance that he will go to FC Köln, in exchange for Woodcock.

Köln will also lose their German International striker Dieter Müller, off to Stuttgart, so Stapleton could nicely fill one of the two vacant spots.

When the contract of the superstars expires, they are happy to stay on, instead of leaving on a free transfer — and the club is also "happy" to offer them a signing fee.

Platini's asking price for a new two-year contract: \$400,000.

No wonder hardly any French players can be found in other European countries and Platini even refused a big contract from Italy.

The very few who still leave usually have other reasons than money.

Didier Six left, disgusted over being overlooked for the national team.

"Everybody in Yugoslavia was amazed. I honestly don't feel you can compare us as players..."

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- What did he mean by that? Spain's World Cup Organising Committee boss Raimundo Saporta: "The World Cup comes to Spain either 10 years too soon or 10 years too late."

- Marangoni, the Argentinian midfielder who didn't quite make it with Sunderland, is back in Buenos Aires, playing for Huracan.

- Frankfurt won the German Cup beating Kaiserslautern 3-1, giving a great going-away present to their former international Bernd Holzenbein, off to the USA.

- Portugal has protested to FIFA over their 0-1 defeat to Northern Ireland in Belfast claiming that a constant barrage of bottles thrown at the Portuguese goalie and defenders terrorised them.

- Flamengo of Rio have sold star striker Zico to Milan for \$3,500,000 — but now a number of Brazilian companies are raising money to keep him in Rio.

- Eckhard Krautzen, former coach of Canada, is now in charge of Fort Lauderdale in USA. The German Krautzen was the No. 2 candidate for the Socceroo job in 1978.

- The bargain of the "century"? Ipswich by buying the Dutch pair of Arnold Muhren and Frans Thijssen from Twente in 1978 — for a mere \$700,000.

- Former Inter Milan and Italy star Mario Corso is now the youth coach of AC Napoli.

- The semifinal draw of the Portuguese Cup: Belenenses v Benfica, Porto v Setubal.

- Pele, during a recent trip to London, on the England v Rumania World Cup match: "I was terribly disappointed with England. It seemed that their players were mentally and physically stale."

- The referee of the European Champions' Cup final on May 27, in Paris, will be Hungary's Karoly Palota who won an Olympic gold medal in Tokyo with the Hungarians in the 1960 final.

- Gianpaolo Boniperti, son of the former great star — and now president of Juventus — plays for the Canadian Toronto Blizzard on loan.

- Leading English FIFA referee Pat Partridge will retire this year.

- A tobacco company is likely to sponsor the English League Cup in the new season.

- Real Madrid took in more than \$2 million in gate receipts in April, from Euro Cup matches with Spartak Moscow and Inter Milan and from League games against Barcelona, Atletico Madrid and Zaragoza.

MATTHEWS IS STILL ACTIVE

At the age of 66, former all-time great Sir Stanley Matthews is still an active player.

He turns out regularly for a second division team in Malta, where he has lived for the past 11 years.

Recently he played in a charity match in England — and scored two goals.

"Retire?" he said to a question. "While I enjoy my game!"

BONINSEGNA QUILS

Stories persist that former Italian international striker Boninsegna may join a PSL club soon as a guest player.

Actually, Boninsegna two weeks ago announced his retirement.

Now 38 years old, the former Cagliari, Inter and Juventus striker's present club is FC Viadanese, in the Italian 4th division.



ESPAÑA 82

AUSTRALIA V. NEW ZEALAND

Aust. team a riddle, as always

— By Andrew Dettre

The erratic team-building of the Socceroos has continued unabated since the Auckland clash.

Rudi Gutendorf, obviously beset by last minute doubts about his defence, decided to bring back Peter Wilson, now 33, into the squad, largely at the prompting of a few newspaper demands.

But Wilson proved to be a reluctant bride: having been bypassed for some two years and without any guarantee of continuity of service, he declined the honor.

Then there was Gary Byrne, the Marconi-Datsun midfielder who, for about two years, consistently refused to make himself available for the Socceroos.

Some six weeks ago Gutendorf, in a thinly disguised fit of pique, declared that Byrne would never play for the Socceroos while he was in charge. That, one thought, was the end of the matter.

But strangely, after this unmistakable breach, Byrne last week announced that he would be prepared to accept selection.

Gutendorf ignored the plea and left him out.

He did recall, however, St. George's midfielder Peter Stone — after a very long absence — and Heidelberg striker Gary Cole.

Stone has never played for Gutendorf before and Gutendorf repeatedly declined to consider him as "not his type" of midfielder.

Now either Stone or Gutendorf has changed concepts and styles.

"PUNISHMENT"

As for Cole, just before the Auckland match Gutendorf publicly threatened to "punish" him for daring to play for his club when ruled unfit for the Socceroos.

With a dash of sarcasm, we then commented that his "punishment" should be a recall to the squad. And it was.

So Wilson (maybe), Stone and Cole are in, Niven, Senkalski and Giampaolo are out.

Niven is obviously not needed by Gutendorf, now that Tansey is fit; fair enough.

It's absolutely certain, in view of the events of the past 31 months, that Gutendorf will keep changing his basic squad for the rest of the year.

If he happened to see in recent matches Ian Souness, Peter Tredinnick, Tony Brennan and some others, they, too, would be in the squad now.

This lack of consistency is most surprising from a coach of Rudi's professional background.

One would have expected that at least a year ago he would settle on a squad and stick to that in order to build up the team's cohesion.

Wilson's recall is like arranging a date with an old girlfriend on the eve of your wedding to another woman.

But Wilson, obviously a man of taste and style, said he would prefer not to make a come-back — a slap in Rudi's face.

Rudi lashed out at his critics in a newspaper column, implying that those who disagree with him have cotton-wool instead of brain in their heads.

It's not impossible: it takes a certain amount of insanity to follow the strange paths of Australian soccer.

Even some who start off quite sane are eventually driven mad trying to follow the haphazard affairs of the Socceroos.

The inclusion of Blair, Rogers and Giampaolo in the Auckland team brings the tally of players to 52 who have been tried by Gutendorf.

And this number is certain to grow further.

LIKELY TEAM

What will be Gutendorf's team on Saturday against New Zealand and then, on Wednesday, against Indonesia?

Maher, being blamed by Rudi for one or two of the goals in Auckland, could be replaced by the younger Woodhouse now in sparkling form.

Perry and Tansey are certain at fullbacks but for the two central defensive positions Rudi is likely to choose from Henderson, Blair and Yzendoorn — we rather fancy he will overlook Yzendoorn though we would prefer him to the young Blair.

In midfield there are five candidates for the three posts: Barnes, Davidson, Rogers, Boden and Jankovics.

Frankly, we cannot accept the theory, whether we have cottonwool or not, that Boden will ever be an effective, hard-working midfielder.

Neither are we enamored with the idea of fielding Rogers again, after his lacklustre display in Auckland.

Jankovics, we hear, was "promised" a berth in the team by Rudi the day after the Auckland clash — will that promise be kept?

Rudi's choices are likely to be Barnes, Boden and Davidson — though we wouldn't be surprised if, instead of Boden, he'd use Krnecic or Jankovics there.

And if he does, the three strikers select themselves: Sharne, Kosmina and Cole.

All this for Saturday's game. What happens four days later depends largely on the outcome of the Sydney match.

But we'll argue that matter in our next issue.



The New Zealand team as they lined up in the recent match in Auckland against Australia.



The Socceroos returning to their quarters from a training session.

KIWIS COME IN HIGH SPIRITS

New Zealand beat Indonesia 2-0 in an Asia-Oceania World Cup elimination match in Jakarta last Monday.

New Zealand led 1-0 at halftime.

The New Zealanders dominated play in the first half, before 85,000 fans at Jakarta's Senayan Field.

Brian Turner opened the scoring in the 18th minute with a powerful kick that left Indonesian goalkeeper Purwono helpless.

A few days earlier, New Zealand and Taiwan fought a scoreless draw in their World Cup Soccer qualifying round last week.

It was New Zealand's second draw in three qualifying round matches. They tied with Australia 3-3 on April 25 and last week crushed Fiji 4-0.

Brian Turner, New Zealand's top player, who is recovering from a sprained ankle, played for 80 minutes before surrendering his place to Adrian Elrick.

The taller New Zealanders demonstrated better teamwork, with a 4-4-2 formation against the Taiwanese. But the slower local team, well supported by a crowd of 10,000 fought hard in a

tight defence, which paid off.

In the 73rd minute, Steve Woodin's pass found Turner, who put the ball into the net. But the goal was disallowed because Turner was offside.



Barnes

Kosmina



As the camera proves, Peter Sharne is faster than some birds: here he is shown speeding past some startled seagulls.



CLUB MARCONI

Best wishes for our Socceroos on Saturday from all the players, officials, management and fans of Club Marconi!

TEAM OF ROUND 12

MARSHALL
(West Adelaide)

SKELLERN
(Leichhardt)

YZENDOORN
(Heidelberg)

ZIRAS
(Olympic)

TANSEY
(Heidelberg)

SHIRRA
(Sth. Melb.)

TOPAZ
(West Adel.)

WHITTLE
(Preston)

BRENNAN
(Canberra)

CHRISTOPOULOS
(Sth. Melb.)

LUJIC
(Footscray)

GAP AT TOP MAY NARROW



Sydney City's Ian Souness (right) slots home his team's winner on Sunday...



...and jumps with joy, racing back to greet his team-mates.

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AGGREGATE

HOME

AWAY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 SOUTH MELBOURNE	12	7	5	—	17	8	+9	19	6	5	1	—	7	1	11	6	2	4	—	10	7	8
2 CANBERRA	12	6	4	2	17	7	+10	16	6	3	2	1	12	5	8	6	3	2	1	5	2	8
3 SYDNEY CITY	11	6	3	2	17	8	+9	15	6	4	2	—	13	4	10	5	2	1	2	4	5	5
4 WOLLONGONG	12	4	7	1	16	10	+6	15	6	2	4	—	9	6	8	6	2	3	1	7	4	7
5 BRISBANE CITY	12	5	5	2	13	7	+6	15	6	4	2	—	9	6	8	6	2	3	1	7	4	5
6 MARCONI	12	7	1	4	13	14	-1	15	7	5	1	1	10	5	11	5	2	—	3	3	9	4
7 ADELAIDE CITY	11	4	3	4	18	13	+5	11	6	3	—	3	11	8	6	5	1	3	1	7	5	5
8 LIONS	12	3	5	4	12	13	-1	11	6	3	2	1	6	4	8	6	—	3	3	6	9	3
9 LEICHHARDT	11	3	5	3	11	12	-1	11	5	1	3	1	5	5	6	2	2	2	6	7	6	6
10 OLYMPIC	12	3	4	5	16	19	-3	10	6	3	3	—	12	6	9	6	—	1	5	4	13	1
11 NEWCASTLE	12	4	2	6	14	17	-3	10	6	2	2	2	9	5	6	6	2	—	4	5	12	4
12 PRESTON	12	4	2	6	18	22	-4	10	6	3	1	2	12	7	7	6	1	1	4	6	15	3
13 HEIDELBERG	12	3	3	6	15	20	-5	9	6	3	1	2	8	7	7	6	—	2	4	7	13	2
14 WEST ADELAIDE	12	3	1	8	11	15	-4	7	8	2	1	3	7	5	5	6	1	—	5	4	10	2
15 BLACKTOWN	11	1	5	5	13	22	-9	7	5	—	2	3	5	12	2	6	1	3	2	8	10	5
16 FOOTSCRAY	12	2	3	7	9	23	-14	7	6	2	2	2	8	8	6	6	—	1	5	1	15	1

THIS WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

• APIA-Leichhardt have taken John Coyne off the transfer list and he should get a game soon.

• Negotiations are going well for the transfer of Arno Bertogna the ex(and future) Socceroo to APIA-Leichhardt from Newcastle.

more like it, but there is still room for improvement.

• Bob D'Ottavi, Adelaide City: "The game was a superb exhibition of soccer when played by two teams prepared to give everything. This was the best game that Adelaide City had played in this season".

• Ace Adelaide Giants mid-fielder Brian Northcote will miss Sunday's clash with Preston Rams at the Olympic Sports Field. Northcote was yellow-carded during Giants scoreless draw with South Melbourne Gunners last Sunday and had carried his penalty points above the maximum 12.

• Mark Trenter, the robust Sydney City utility man, will have to wait a few more weeks before he is ready to resume after a cartilage operation.

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• Alan Vest, Newcastle: "When things go against you, they seem to snowball. We have injuries, good goals disallowed and a valid penalty appeal brushed aside. We often have to put up with home-town decisions in our away games but we certainly don't get such benefits when we play at home."

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• After his team had beaten Preston Rams 4-0, Westad Hawks Billy Birch: "That was

a great job for rugby league. With officials like this soccer has no chance of becoming top sport in Australia".



The only match in Sydney will see Olympic's clash with Blacktown and Newcastle though not in this distribution.

Olympic are slowly climbing up the table but Blacktown seem to be having a very erratic patch and, gradually, drifting to a pretty dangerous position.

Olympic will be without the suspended Katholos, a definite handicap.

Blacktown's best chance would be to contain the speedy Olympic attacks and then hit back with some counterpunches.

Channel 0's two regular panelists, Rasic and Docherty will be the rival coaches on the occasion and the game should give them something to talk about next Friday.

Our tip: Olympic 1-0.

Preston will be making their second visit to Adelaide in a week and, after their crushing 0-4 defeat against the Hawks, won't have many memories to cherish.

Adelaide City have now consolidated their ranks, as proved by their valuable draw against the competition leaders in Melbourne.

At home the young strikers are likely to be less inhibited and, with the promptings of Perin & Co., should return to top form.

Our tip: Adelaide City 2-1.

Two teams in the relegation zone, Footscray and West Adelaide will meet at Schineller Reserve in a crucial game.

Both did rather well last weekend; in fact, West Adelaide experienced some sort of a revival.

If Lujic is back in time, Footscray's chances will certainly look better.

Our tip: Footscray 1-0.

Blacktown's talented Young Socceroo Bobby Wheatley is fighting an unusual injury problem to his pelvic bone which, on occasions, makes one of his legs a fraction shorter.

Rale Rasic, Blacktown: "I'm bitterly disappointed. I feel we deserved something better than a straight defeat."

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TOP PSL
SCORERS

Ollerton (Preston)	7
Boden (Sydney city)	6
Sharne (Marconi)	6
Christopoulos (St. Melbourne)	5
Gibson (Canberra)	5
Mitchell (Adel. City)	5
Evans (St. Melb.)	4
Kosmina (Sydney City)	4
Millman (Lions)	4
Nyskohus, J. (adel. City)	4
O'Connor (Leich. (APIA))	4
Valeri (Canberra)	4



WEEKEND GUIDE TO

PHILIPS LEAGUE



CANBERRA CITY

Likely squad: 1. Wilson, 2. M. O'Shea, 3. Williams, 4. Cole, 5. J. O'Shea, 6. Stark, 7. R. O'Shea, 8. Byrne, 9. Valeri, 10. McLaren, 11. Brennan, 12. Gibson, 13. Purdie, 14. Massa, 15. Moutsopoulos, 16. Farrell, 21. Hoszowski. Coach: G. Murray.

SUNDAY, 3pm
BRUCE STADIUM



J. O'Shea

PAST RESULTS:

1979: Canberra v Leichhardt 0-0.
1980: Canberra v Leichhardt 2-2.



O'Connor

LEICHARDT

Likely squad: 1. Woodhouse, 2. Skellern, 3. McAusland, 4. Pullen, 5. Wilson, 6. Coyne, 7. Soper, 8. Pirie, 9. Giampaolo, 10. Kafka, 11. O'Connor, 12. Harding, 13. Bradley, 14. Leyden, 15. McKie, 16. Morsello, 17. Watts, 18. Gray, 19. Casacchia, 20. Parkes. Coach: W. Wallace.

REFEREE: E. VENIOS
Linesmen: P. Murphy, N. Murphy

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Likely squad: 1. Meier, 2. Moulis, 3. Cross, 4. Wilson, 5. Rowden, 6. Katholos, 7. Raskopoulos, 8. Cork, 9. Gavin, 10. Scott, 11. Jennings, 12. Ankudinoff, 13. Cotton, 14. Koussas, 15. Ziras, 16. Jamieson, 18. Laing, 20. Wilson. Coach: T. Docherty.

SUNDAY, 3pm:
PRATTEN PARK



Wilson

PAST RESULTS:
Olympic and Blacktown for the first time.



Hormazabal

BLACKTOWN CITY

Likely squad: 1. James, 2. Wheatley, 3. Pollard, 4. Milovanovic, 5. Pointer, 6. Selvage, 7. Djordjevic, 8. Hormazabal, 9. Culina, 10. O'Donnell, 11. Mannina, 12. Quaraby, 13. Cuk, 14. Burrows, 15. Wallace, 16. Milosevic, 20. Freeman. Coach: R. Basic.

REFEREE: H. WITSCHGE
Linesmen: R. Barton, K. Tooke

BRISBANE CITY

Likely squad: 1. Wishart, 2. Dunne, 3. Ratcliffe, 4. Tokesi, 5. Perry, 6. Gaffney, 7. Palinkas, 8. Pimblett, 9. Conner, 10. Low, 11. Caldwell, 14. Hamilton, 15. P. Wilkinson, 16. McVeigh, 17. B. Wilkinson, 20. Coe. Coach: G. Potter.

SUNDAY, 3pm
SPENCER PARK



Pimblett

PAST RESULTS:

Brisbane City and Wollongong for the first time.



Dunleavy

WOLLONGONG CITY

Likely squad: 1. Preston, 2. Willis, 4. Dunleavy, 5. Ainsworth, 6. Adam, 7. Smith, 8. Fleming, 9. Campbell, 10. Lathan, 11. Morlando, 12. Vliestra, 13. McBreen, 14. Turner, 15. De Graaf, 16. Tredinnick, 17. Harrison, 18. Morton, 19. Fontana, 20. Kay, 21. Vardareff. Coach: K. Morton.

REFEREE: D. NUGENT
Linesmen: C. Amos, A. Kibbler.

ADELAIDE CITY

Likely squad: 1. Marshall, 2. Russell, 3. B. Nyskohus, 4. Besir, 5. Jones, 6. Dods, 8. Perin, 9. Marocchi, 10. J. Nyskohus, 11. Mitchell, 12. Northcote, 13. Meita, 14. Miller, 16. Villani, 17. Signore, 22. Peressin. Coach: B. D' Ottavi.

SUNDAY, 2.30pm
OLYMPIC SPORTS FIELD



Mitchell

PAST RESULTS:

Adelaide City and Preston for the first time.



Cullen

PRESTON

Likely squad: 1. Kastner, 2. Rainey, 3. Beech, 4. Ollerton, 5. Higham, 6. Faulkner, 7. Cullen, 8. Flavell, 9. McMillan, 10. Petrovski, 11. Ward, 12. Brown, 13. Lucchesi, 14. Little, 15. Stoikos, 16. Whittle, 20. Clayton. Coach: B. Edgeley.

REFEREE: G. NEAL
Linesmen: J. Rossis, C. Barbo

FOOTSCRAY

Likely squad: 1. Boland, 2. Hazabent, 3. Petrou, 4. Kyriakouleas, 5. Kondarlos, 6. Jovanovic, 7. Simic, 8. Iloski, 11. McLaughlin, 12. McIvor, 13. Petrou, 14. Belic, 15. Kakantonis, 16. Curovic, 17. Cozzella, 18. Milne 19. Potter. Coach: C. Cirkovic.

SUNDAY, 3pm
SCHINTLER RESERVE



Simic

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Footscray v West Adelaide 0-1.
1978: Footscray v West Adelaide 2-2.
1979: Footscray v West Adelaide 0-1.
1980: Footscray v West Adelaide 0-3.



Honeyman

WEST ADELAIDE

Likely squad: 1. Crook, 2. Tymczyszyn, 3. Pillans, 4. McGachey, 5. Topaz, 6. Bozanic, 7. Bovis, 8. Manecas, 10. Honeyman, 11. McGregor, 12. Forde, 13. Haig, 15. Marusic, 16. Brown, 17. Wright, 20. Miller, 21. Hughes. Coach: B. Birch.

REFEREE: D. YELLAND
Linesmen: M. Mamont, J. Brennan

PHILIPS LEAGUE 1981

	ADELAIDE GIANTS	ADELAIDE HAWKS	BLACKTOWN DEMONS	BRISBANE GLADIATORS	BRISBANE LIONS	CANBERRA ARROWS	FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	LEICHARDT STRIKERS	MARCONI LEOPARDS	MELBOURNE GUNNERS	NEWCASTLE KB	PRESTON RAMS	SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	SYDNEY SLICKERS	WOLLONGONG WOLVES
ADELAIDE GIANTS	★				3-2			3-1		0-1		4-1			0-1	1-2
ADELAIDE HAWKS		★ 2-0							1-2		0-2	0-1	4-0			0-0
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	1-5	★	2-2						0-1	0-2	2-2					
BRISBANE GLADIATORS	2-1	★			0-0	2-0		0-0						3-0		
BRISBANE LIONS			1-0	★ 1-0								0-1	2-1	1-1		1-1
CANBERRA ARROWS	0-0	1-2	2-2			★ 5-0								2-1	2-0	
FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	1-1					★ 2-2	2-1	1-2	1-2						1-0	
HEIDELBERG WARRIORS		2-0	2-0		1-1	★							2-3	1-0		0-3
LEICHARDT STRIKERS					0-0			2-2	★	1-1	2-1				0-1	
MARCONI LEOPARDS	1-0	1-1	2-1	0-2		3-1		★					1-0			
MELBOURNE GUNNERS	0-0				1-0		2-1		1-0	★	2-0				1-0	
NEWCASTLE KB			1-1	0-2	0-1	3-0						★ 4-0				1-1
PRESTON RAMS			2-3			0-1	3-0		3-1		1-1		★ 3-1			
SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	3-1	3-1				0-0			2-0	2-2			★ 2-2			
SYDNEY SLICKERS		1-0	1-1	1-1			1-0		5-0	4-1				★		
WOLLONGONG WOLVES			1-1	0-0		2-1	1-1					2-2	3-1		★	



Referee Bob Mee was struck by a ball at Lambert Park last Sunday, causing him to double up with pain. However, with remarkable fortitude, he got up and finished the last few minutes of the match, walked erect into the dressing room — and almost collapsed again ...

DUNLOP SPORTS
FOOTWEAR



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THE NSW DATSUN DEALER NETWORK PROUDLY SUPPORTS AUSTRALIAN SOCCER

BRISBANE LIONS v OLYMPIC 1-1(1-0)

Brisbane Lions: (4-3-3)

Ontong (3)	Bennett (4)	Lowndes (5)	Hermiston (4)	Niven (3)
Hogg (1)	McLean (2)	Lindsay (3)		
Ferris (3)	Millman (4)	Bryce (2)		
Jennings (3)	Cotton (3)	Koussas (2)		
Raskopolous (3)	Katholos (1)	Wilson (3)		
Palmer (3)	Rowden (3)	Ziras (5)	Moulis (3)	
		Wilson (3)		

Sydney Olympic (4-3-3)

Replacements: McGregor (22m) for McLean, Jamieson (68m) for Raskopoulos, Low (79m) for Ferris.

Goals: 1-0 Millman (29m), 1-1 Jennings (53m).

Referee: D. Miles — Crowd: 900 — sent off: Hogg, Katholos — Caution: Ontong.

Lions chose to play their worst game of the season in front of the poorest crowd of the season and there has to be a message for the club in there somewhere.

The home team were terrible and had it not been for an impeccable display by keeper Lowndes, some stuffy individual performances from Hermiston and Bennett, and an appalling display of finishing from the Olympic strikers, the score could have been at least 6-1.

The referee added to the overall gloom by reducing both teams to 10 men just before, and after, half time, for offences apparently nothing more than

The Westad Hawks displayed class and courage in this scintillating return to the winning list.

The final scoreline suggests that the Hawks were powerful and that the Rams were pathetic, but it wasn't quite like that.

Preston played bright attacking football, but Westad fought fire with fire to notch their first win since March 15.

Hawks' goalkeeper Marilyn Crook had just as much to do as his Preston counterpart Gary Clayton, but Crook saved the shots which mattered.

For this important clash Hawks coach Billy Birch made three changes to the team

MISSES

The Olympic misses were too incredible to relate.

Jennings, Cotton, Raskopolous and Wilson all missed the simplest of chances, blasting shots high over or wide off the target from minimal range.

For the visitors Ziras had a great game; he is big, strong, mobile and like a latter day Beckenbauer, not afraid to charge into attack when the opportunity arises.

This lad could be what is needed in the national side; he has tons of potential and has improved greatly even since his last trip to Brisbane.

—Jim Binnie

swearing.

Technically he was correct of course, but he could have cleared the pitch and ordered the fans their money back if he was worried about "bringing the game into disrepute".

The goals couldn't even be described as highlights as both defences appeared to be stricken with paralysis when they were scored.

Lions counter came at the end of an apparently mis-worked set piece as the ball literally "flew" short distances between three or four players before Ferris got the

final touch and sent Millman through the defence to beat Wilson with a grounder.

Olympic's goal was even stranger; Jennings juggling the ball in the penalty box twice before positioning himself and volleying the dropping ball past the helpless Lowndes.

It was a play on the Indian snake trick as at least three defenders were standing no more than two metres from Jennings watching him parade his skills.

None of them moved an inch as he mesmerised them.

goal from Ollerton and young Tom Forde cleared a Cullen attempt off the goal-line.

When that storm abated, Westad went further ahead six minutes before half time when Jimmy Wright and Brown combined to drop the ball near the penalty spot and Peter Boyle hammered it into the roof of the net.

Westad lost their rhythm in the face of the Rams concerted efforts, but Manecas ended any prospects of a Preston revival when he prodded home a rebound from close range after a drive from Wright had been partially cleared.

—Allan Crisp

WEST ADELAIDE v PRESTON 4-0(3-0)

West Adelaide (4-3-3)

Maricic (4)	Kambas (4)	Crook (5)	Forde (4)	Bozanic (4)
Boyle (4)	Topaz (5)	Honeyman (4)		
Wright (5)	Brown (4)	Manecas (4)		
McMillan (3)	Cullen (3)	Ollerton (4)		
Lucchesi (3)	Whittle (5)	Flavelle (4)		
Beech (3)	Petrovski (4)	Higham (4)	Rainey (3)	
		Clayton (3)		

Preston (4-3-3)

Replacements: Little (46m) for Beech, Faulkner (65m) for McMillan, Hughes (82m) for Honeyman.

Goals: 1-0 Topaz (18m), 2-0 Honeyman (27m), 3-0 Boyle (39m), 4-0 Manecas (64m).

Referee: R. Kerr — Crowd: 2300 — Cautions: McMillan.

CRUSHED

which lost to South Melbourne just two days earlier.

Birch dropped Peter Tymczyszyn and Ian McKie and lost David Pillans through injury, so into the side came Zoran Maricic, Tim Brown and Manecas.

With Alan Whittle prompting and probing from the midfield and big Peter Ollerton neatly interchanging with George McMillan, Preston looked menacing in the early stages.

But Robert Cullen shot wide after being sent through the middle by Whittle and Crook

bravely saved a point blank drive from Ollerton.

Manecas set Hawks on the road to victory in the 18th minute when he shrugged off two tackles before swinging a right wing cross to young Brown whose relayed header was put away by Shraga Topaz.

Topaz figured in the second goal as well when he lofted a pass to the goalmouth where Graham Honeyman slammed an angled drive past Clayton.

Anxious moments followed for Hawks as Crook stopped a certain

while Selemidis and Cole both were off target with clear shots at goal.

But with Heidelberg committed to attack Footscray was in its element depending on the quick counter attack and Cozzella almost snatched a third goal shooting over the bar from a move set once more by Lujic.

Then, near the end, Heidelberg's persistence paid off.

Kenny Taylor who had replaced Rooney, sent Tansey on his way down the left the fullback crossed into the area where McGroarty rose to head into the net for the equaliser.

—Paul Galea

FOOTSCRAY v HEIDELBERG 2-2(1-0)

Footscray (4-4-2)

Milne (3)	Kondarous (4)	Potter (3)	O'Reilly (3)	Hazabent (3)
Iloski (3)	Kakantonis (3)		Jovanovic (5)	Belic (5)
	Cozzella (3)		Lujic (5)	
Selemidis (3)	Cole (3)		Paton (3)	
Tansey (5)	Rooney (3)		Monagle (4)	Campbell (4)
	Yzendoorn (5)		Provan (4)	McMillan (3)
	Olver (3)			

Heidelberg (4-4-2)

Replacements: McGroarty (51m) for Paton, Taylor (78m) for Rooney.

Goals: 1-0 Belic (19m), 2-0 Jovanovic (62m), 2-1 Monagle (64m), 2-2 McGroarty (82m).

Referee: S. Mellings — Crowd: 3,500 — Cautions: Yzendoorn, Belic, Cole.

RETURNEE

darted in to intercept a bad back-pass from Arthur McMillan and rounded the keeper before sidefooting the ball into an empty net.

The home side had started the match without regulars Dennis Boland whose shoulder injury has not cleared up and Kyri Kyriakouleas, still feeling the effects of an ankle injury sustained two weeks ago.

Footscray had opened the score after 19 minutes when Vlatko Belic, showing a lot more application nowadays, injured in the Heidelberg camp also forced Jimmy Rooney into a change of plans from his proposed 4-2-4

formation with Cole playing wide.

Rooney would not admit that seeing Paton injured provided the motivation for his side, but in effect all the players lifted their performance from then on.

Liam Monagle reduced the arrears within two minutes of Footscray's second goal running on to Yzendoorn's through ball then shooting past Potter with the defence standing claiming offside.

McGroarty had a header saved a minute later

for his "usual" 21 minutes of football (as in Auckland) but, once again, it was too little, too late.

The Slackers were now controlling the game and their goal looked imminent.

Yet when it came, in the 78th minute, it had an element of luck about it.

Young fullback Casacchia flung a back-pass home, Souness nipped in, skirted Woodhouse and tapped the ball past a desperate Skellern.

Two minutes from the end it was a classic case of a "referee's ball" as Zaccomer's shot from close range hit Mee in the groin, making him double up with pain, much to the delight of the APIA fans.

—Andrew Dettre

LEICHHARDT-APIA v SYDNEY CITY 0-0(0-0)

Leichhardt (4-3-3)

Skellern (4)	Wilson (4)	Woodhouse (4)	Hughes (4)	Casacchia (3)
Zaccomer (3)	McAusland (4)		Kafka (4)	
Soper (2)	Morsello (3)		O'Connor (3)	
Boden (3)	Kosmina (3)		Watson (4)	
Barnes (3)	Souness (3)		Patikas (4)	
Bruce (4)	Spanos (5)		O'Connor (4)	Mullen (4)
	Pezzano (4)			

Sydney City (4-3-3)

Replacement: Giampaolo (69m) for Morsello.

Goal: Souness (78m).

Referee: B. Mee — Crowd: 3,400 — Cautions: Patikas, Kafka.

DANGER

A few fairly tame attacks followed and, just on halftime, a brilliant Souness cross from the right was headed over the bar by Bruce.

Referee Mee earned the jeers of the crowd with his disregard of the advantage rule; quite a number of dubious off-side decisions also crept into the game and often the only excitement was provided by the shrill whistle of the referee.

After the interval, Sydney City took over; their superior skill and teamwork began to tell.

The effervescent Patikas, the energetic Souness and the smooth

little Watson gained control of the midfield and pressure was building on Woodhouse's goal.

In the 69th minute came an incident which could have had very serious, even fatal consequences: Souness, with a fierce tackle, sent Morsello flying at the brick wall, necessitating his replacement by Giampaolo.

One would strongly recommend that the APIA club build some cushioned protection along the touchline on the grandstand side if they are to avoid a horrible injury to a player in the future.

So Giampaolo was on,

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WOLLONGONG v BRISBANE CITY 0-0

Wollongong (4-3-3)

Willis (3)	Dunleavy (4)	Vardaroff (4)	De Graaf (4)	Ainsworth (4)
Fleming (3)	Lathan (3)		Adam (4)	
McBreen (3)	Fontana (3)		Tredinnick (4)	
Gaffney (4)	Kelso (3)		P. Wilkinson (4)	
B. Wilkinson (3)	Pimblett (3)		Hamilton (3)	Palinkas (4)
	Ratcliffe (3)		Dunne (4)	Perry (3)
	Coe (5)			

Brisbane City (4-4-2)

Replacement: Morton (63m) for Fontana, Kay (70m) for Fleming.

Referee: T. Davies — Crowd: 5,309 — Caution: Dunleavy.

The two teams made hard and boring work of their scoreless draw.

This was Wollongong's 7th drawn match in 12 games and their legion of fans must have forgotten what it's like to fight their way through a post-match traffic jam celebrating a victory.

This was the poorest game of the season at the Showground, with little good football and only a few goalmouth incidents to warm the 5,000-plus crowd.

Wollongong is obviously a far better team when the opposition is prepared to come at them while against sides not willing to move forward in numbers the Wolves seem lost.

Was it or was it not a penalty in the 59th minute? The crowd and the Newcastle players were certain that Canberra's skipper Terry Byrne had handled a Graham Heys cross but local referee Jim Reeves was equally adamant that Byrne had chested the ball to safety.

The result, as it turned out, hinged on this sole decision because Canberra immediately dashed upfield and from Williams' cross Gibson ghosted into position and scored what proved to be the winning goal.

Despite the loss, Newcastle can take some consolation that this was their best display for some weeks and with more accurate

POOREST

Dunleavy had the ball in the net after only four minutes but the goal was disallowed because of an unfair challenge on Martin Coe.

That was just about the only occasion when Coe came under serious threat in the first half.

Virtually all the Wolves attacks were mounted through their terrier-like Peter Tredinnick on the left.

He gave Steve Perry a torrid afternoon but the endless stream of high crosses floated into the box were neatly dealt with by Coe.

At the other end

Brisbane also pumped high balls into the penalty area searching for the heads of Kelso and Paul Wilkinson but these, too, were easily handled by Vardareff, De Graaf and Dunleavy.

After Dunleavy's disallowed goal the only other shots at goal in the first half came from McBreen and Brisbane's Kelso, both missing narrowly.

Wollongong's new signing from St. George, Paul Kay made only a modest impression in his debut, pushing forward on the right flank against his towering opponents.

Still, one of his shots forced Coe to make a great save in the second half.

On one of the rare occasions Brisbane City did lurch forward, Vardareff had to race off his line to spread himself at Wilkinson's feet.

Wollongong dominated the midfield without putting the stamp of authority on the game.

Tredinnick weaved his way through a packed Brisbane defence but shot wide two minutes from fulltime.

The match really resembled a confrontation between two teams threatened by relegation worries rather than a clash between teams chasing second spot on the table.

—Paul Posetti

NEWCASTLE v CANBERRA CITY 0-1(0-1)

Newcastle (4-3-3)

Reaney (3)	Bertogna (3)	Gosling (3)	Drinkwater (4)	H. Tredinnick (4)
Senkalski (3)		Mason (2)	McClelland (2)	
Heys (3)		Storey (3)	Jones (3)	
Valeri (3)	Brennan (4)		Purdie (3)	
Massa (2)	J. O'Shea (3)		Gibson (4)	
Williams (3)	M. O'Shea (3)	Byrne (4)		R. O'Shea (3)
			Hoszowski (3)	

Canberra (4-3-3)

Replacements: Farrell (57m) for Massa, McLaren (73m) for J. O'Shea, Stamp (78m) for Mason, Kamasz (84m) for Heys.

Goal: Gibson (60m).

Referee: J. Reeves — Crowd: 3,827 — Cautions: Drinkwater, Williams.

finishing the points could have stayed at home.

Newcastle forced 13 corners to Canberra's 3 during the match to emphasise that the home strikers spent considerable time in their opponents' goal area.

But there was still a lack of urgency in their play and a lack of total commitment when the Canberra defence had been infiltrated.

Young striker Grant Storey blasted one shot just wide of the post right on halftime when, with greater control, he should have scored.

Earlier, Arno Bertogna forced the ball into the net from a Heys corner but the referee — not the most popular figure at the end of the match — nullified the score for alleged interference on goalkeeper Hoszowski.

Newcastle were without five of their regular players including goalie Phil Dando, out nursing an injury.

His replacement, Clint Gosling, 20, did well, highlighting his performance with a well timed intervention in the closing stages following a badly placed backheader by Roy Drinkwater.

Canberra lost their solid midfielder John O'Shea midway through the second half when he was struck in the face by a full-blooded clearance.

He was rushed to hospital for treatment of an eye injury and was forced to remain there while his team-mates flew back to Canberra.

With Newcastle desperately fighting for the equaliser, Canberra found the defence easier to penetrate with breakaways and only a goal-line clearance by Reaney prevented Ian Gibson from scoring his second goal in the dying minutes of the match.

—Myles Hay

BLACKTOWN v MARCONI 0-2 (0-0)

Blacktown (4-3-3)

Rasmussen (3)	Cuk (3)	James (4)	Pointer (3)	Pollard (3)
Culina (4)	O'Donnell (4)		Selvage (4)	
Milosevic (3)	Wallace (3)		Burrows (4)	
Jankovics (3)	Krnecic (3)		Sharne (4)	
Henderson (4)	Byrne (4)		Picioane (4)	
Degney (3)	Prskalo (3)		Mariani (3)	Brogan (3)
			Maher (4)	

Marconi (4-3-3)

Replacements: Calderon (79m) for Picioane.

Goals: 0-1 Picioane (61m) 0-2 Sharne (88m).

Referee: T. Boskovic — Crowd: 3,200 — Cautions: Rasmussen, Byrne, Maher.

Blacktown, ravaged by injuries to five of their first team players, had to make several positional changes on the day.

Yet they were not out-classed by their more illustrious opponents and Paul Burrows had Alan Maher stretching to save a difficult shot in the opening minute.

The Blacktown defence marked the Marconi strikers very closely and always had one spare man to cover breaks by the opposition.

Good lead up work by Stuart Selvage and Burrows gave Milosevic a great chance to open the scoring in the 8th minute but he failed in an ideal position.

The Marconi strikers were not much more accurate, either. Sharne received some heavy treatment almost every time he had the ball and fullback Rasmussen soon earned a caution for a foul on the flying winger.

The rest of the first half degenerated into a battle of tactics with the respective goalies cutting out whatever danger developed.

Marconi were trying to evade the industrious Blacktown midfield by playing long balls to the strikers who were constantly interchanging positions.

Between Picioane and Selvage with the two displaying contrasting styles and yet contributing so much to their respective sides.

Two chances and two goals — not counting Jankovics' incredible miss from some two metres — showed Marconi's maturity and opportunism.

A disappointing feature of the game was the number of handballs that were allowed to go unchecked and even the validity of both goals could be questioned in that respect.

—Mick Mikolajczyk

SOUTH MELBOURNE v ADELAIDE CITY 0-0

South Melbourne (4-3-3)

Bannon (4)	Blair (4)	Laumets (4)	Xanthopoulos (4)	Davidson (3)
Stevenson (4)		Christopoulos (3)	Rogers (3)	
Shirra (3)		Evans (3)	Buljeric (3)	
Villani (3)	Melta (3)		Mitchell (4)	
Northcote (3)	J. Nyskohus (3)		Marocchi (4)	
B. Nyskohus (4)	Perin (4)	Jones (3)	Russell (3)	
		Marshall (5)		

Adeelaide City (4-3-3)

Referee: C. Bambridge — Crowd: 4,000 — Cautions: J. Nyskohus, Northcote, Villani.

Right from the start there was plenty to occupy referee Bambridge's attention, with the game flowing from end to end with lots of niggle and needle going on.

Adeelaide City's build-up seemed to flow better than South Melbourne, but the penalty box seemed to cause the flutters in the ability to shoot, and many chances went astray for Adelaide.

Young Blair blanketed Northcote right out of the game when danger threatened at the 14th minute, and Bannon, Xanthopoulos and Davidson did well during a hectic first half.

As a comparison South were slower in setting up their attack, with the result that

Adelaide always had an extra man up their sleeve when required.

The 22nd minute saw Buljeric with a great chance to score but missed badly.

The game developed a rough spell, with some questionable tactics being employed with two yellow cards cooling the players somewhat.

Shirra missed after a good run by Evans, and then Christopoulos tried on his own, when Evans was better placed at the 35th minute.

Villani made a bold run up the left wing to pass to Northcote, who had the best shot to date in just going over the bar.

two minutes later.

Marshall was doing exceptionally well, and proved that Adelaide has, at least, two classy keepers with good hands capable of being considered for international honours.

The second half was a replica of the first, with a J. Nyskohus foray ending up with Northcote receiving a caution for a foul on Davidson.

Bannon was proving to be one of the unflappables, and was taking some of those wing dashes right into the Adelaide den to cross to Buljeric, but Evans shot wildly.

South seemed more

settled now and apart from the few stray balls were putting their game together to pose some threat, but Adelaide City were giving all the right answers to South's questions, and Peter Marshall was the final arbiter.

A pass back from Evans to Laumets was a risky business, with Adelaide's best forward, Mitchell, bearing down at a rate of knots only a metre behind at the 60th minute.

Mitchell, escaping from Davidson, bore down on Laumets with all speed for Adelaide's best shot.

Laumets produced a brilliant save to clear his lines.

—Jock Stephen

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COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE

REPORT

By Paul James



Referees are a much abused, often criticised and occasionally attacked breed within the soccer community. We asked the clubs what they thought of the standard of refereeing.

MELITA

"I would not say that the standard of refereeing has gone down," commented Melita soccer president Emmanuel Said.

"In fact, it has improved slightly though, of course, occasionally you still get the poor referee or rather bad display."

"I suppose they can have off-days the same as the players."

Emmanuel said he felt the standard could be higher.

"There seems to be a distinct lack of supervision of referees."

"Maybe there aren't enough inspectors to go round to check on the games."

"That is an area the Referees Association and the Federation should look at."

"The Federation should become more involved in the deployment and the development of referees," Emmanuel added.

"They are an essential part of the game, yet they seem to get shoved into the background whenever we talk about improving the standard of soccer."

POLONIA



"I feel the standard has been stable," said Polonia's John Kaniszewski.

"We haven't noticed any marked change in the standards since our promotion to the State League."

"Although it is hard for a club official, I always try to evaluate a referee in a neutral light," he said.

"Most people have absolutely no idea what it's like to be a referee—to be in the centre and actually in charge of 22 players, all trying their level best to con you."

"Overall I'd say referees have been pretty good this season."

"You can see marked differences between referees, especially those who do the second and the third grades but even they always try to be fair."

"Mistakes are sometimes made by everybody and I think it's irrational to get too heated about genuine errors."

"Referees who cannot control a match are another matter."

altogether but I cannot remember one instance this year of such a happening," John added.

BANKSTOWN

"I couldn't say whether the standard was improving," said Bankstown's Jim Griffin.

"All I can say is that the top referees make most of the others look pretty bad."

"I suppose this either means that the overall standard is failing or that the top ones are getting better."

"One of the biggest gripes that most of us have towards referees is consistency of decisions or rather lack of them."

"The Referees' Association should hold regular weekly training sessions and meetings to discuss the interpretation of the rules."

"Bigger seminars should be also conducted and I think the ASF and the NSW Federation should get involved in all that."

"Unless the referees get their own act together very quickly, they will find that the standard of refereeing gets worse—simply because the players are getting fitter and faster and are developing a new sense of cunning which slow or slow-witted referees can't spot."

AYALA



"Something has to be done about the standard of refereeing in the State League," said Ayala official Ken Gavrilovic.

"There have been too many instances when referees have been unable to get a grip on matches and have ruined the game as a spectacle for the fans."

"Part of the problem lies in the fact that the referees aren't checked out often enough."

"We feel that they should be inspected regularly."

"Players are judged by their coaches and if they have too many bad displays, they are dropped."

"I think that should also apply to referees," he said. (We think it does—Editor.)

"We are going to try and push for the appointment of an independent judge to all matches to check on the referees and also on the behavior of the crowds, the performance of the host officials and everything else to do with the preparations and con-

duct of the matches in the League.

"It's about time we started to do things properly," he said.

NTH.SYDNEY

"Some of the referees we have had this year have been diabolical," said North Sydney Inter's coach, former APIA star Fil Bottalico.

"I don't enjoy criticising referees because I know they have a hard job to do but the standard of refereeing has dropped in recent years."

"There are about six or seven top referees who keep getting better and who all know how to handle a match."

"But some others have no clue and this proves to me that there is something very wrong with our whole set-up."

"The Referees' Association and the Federation should get together to do something about improving the standards."

"It's not only the State Leagues which suffer but also the lower divisions and grades—probably even more than we do," he said.

"There aren't enough good referees to go around."

"I don't think we take referees and their problems sufficiently into consideration when we increase the size of the competitions," Fil added.

MANLY



"I think people tend to blame referees too much," said Manly's George Dick.

"We have not found the refereeing standard too bad this season."

"Sometimes you do get situations where players, through their own action, create problems for the referee and these are hard to deal with on the spot," George said.

"The main problem facing referees is that there aren't enough of them."

"You would need a good pool to ensure that those who aren't performing well enough are replaced."

"But at present they are retained simply because they cannot find new ones."

"The Referees' Association also seems reluctant to give younger and newer referees a chance to prove themselves," George said.

"I think the Federation should get more involved with the Referees' Association to encourage the development of future referees, even their recruitment."

"Former players should be encouraged to take up refereeing but this would have to be done systematically and regularly."

"I can only think of Gary King who was a former top division

player becoming a ref."

"We need a promotional campaign to get more. But the Referees' Association could also help by giving their younger members a chance before they get disheartened and give it away."

"Let's take a leaf out of the FA's book: they appointed Keith Hackett to this year's Cup final, although he had only been on the panel for five years and is only 36," George added.

clubs to blame referees for poor matches, yet in many instances they don't warrant any criticism."

"More often than not, some of the fault lies with the referees."

"The main problem is that we have spread our refereeing talent too thin; there just aren't enough to go around."

"If you consider that there are two or three PSL games in Sydney every weekend plus the six or seven State League matches, you realise the need for up to 10 top referees."

"Personally, I don't think we have that many."

Laurie said he felt the NSW Federation should step in and make some of the appointments in conjunction with the Referees' Association.

"The R.A. is a little too cliquish; I don't think they would be able to re-organise themselves objectively," he said.

"There could be some excellent younger referees around but they seldom get the chance to show their ability," Laurie added.

RIVERWOOD

"We certainly have not had any complaints about the standard this season," said Riverwood's Eric Smith.

"I think most people judge a referee's ability on the way he can keep a game going without breaking it up too much."

"There is nothing worse than a referee who blows for every little foul. The best are those who let the game run, whenever possible and only stop the game if they want to caution a player or if a foul would gain advantage for the offending team."

"Referees have a tough job and they don't deserve half the criticism they get."

"Part of the problem facing referees and their association is the lack of numbers: the good refs are spread too thinly and there aren't enough inspectors, lecturers and so on to be constantly going around," he said.

"One of the things we should be doing is encouraging former players to stay in the game as referees."

"When a player retires, he is usually faced with the dilemma of dropping out or becoming a coach."

"What's wrong with a third choice and becoming a referee?"

"I don't think the Federation has an adequate working relationship with the Referees' Association and that's a shame, as they would both benefit."

"After all, the referees would have a ready-made market from which to gain more whistlers to join their thin ranks," Eric said.

SUTHERLAND

"As an ex-referee and refereeing official, I feel that the standard of refereeing has dropped off in the last couple of years," said Sutherland's Laurie Hayes.

"It is very easy for

"But seriously, I think the standard of refereeing has greatly improved."

"Last year I noticed several referees from interstate and I felt they were as good, if not better, than the Sydney referees."

"That wouldn't have been so five or six years ago," Frank said.

"Looking at the refereeing question as a whole I can't really see any big problems."

"As I have said before, I think Australia's standard of refereeing is far ahead of the playing standard in world terms."

"The regular problems you have with referees are not because they are 'incompetent', but because they are human and make mistakes," he said.

"Just like players—and coaches."

"Most of the problems that clubs face tend to lie in the referees who control lower grade matches."

"But I think that with experience those younger referees will sort themselves out and develop," Frank added.

CANTERBURY

"Refs on the whole have been pretty fair this season," said Canterbury's Con Tzavellas.

"We have had some excellent displays by referees and even though we have lost some matches, I don't think we could really put the blame on a referee."

"Last week when we had Ross Brown sent off was a classic case."

"It wasn't the referee who really got him off but Ross' own action of retaliating."

"The Sydney standard is pretty good, in my view."

"In Canberra it's another matter and I think many Sydney clubs will agree with me."

"The standard there, whenever we play Monaro, is very low and I think the Federation will have to do something about it," Con said.

"I know several clubs have offered to pay the travelling cost of a good Sydney referee but there have been problems with the Canberra Referees' Association."

"I really believe that we have to bring about improvements in many other areas of the code before we start to reorganise the referees," he added.

AUBURN

"The refereeing standard has declined in the State League over the years," said Auburn's Fred Parker.

"In fact, sometimes I think there are better referees in the lower grades and other divisions."

"What all that indicates is a reluctance by the Referees' Association to promote newer referees—I won't say younger ones, because not all of them are that young—and to drop some who have been around for a while but have not made the grade."

Fred said he felt some of the referees in the State League were only

there because a lack of inspectors meant their faults hadn't been spotted.

"There are too many variations of interpretations of the rules by the referees," he said.

"One solution would be to have regular, weekly training sessions, not just monthly meetings."

"Referees are in a no-win situation and they have my greatest sympathy but if they want to stay referees then they should do the job properly," he said.

PARRAMATTA

"You get a different view of referees depending what position you hold on the table," said Parramatta's coach Bob Wall.

"If you are at the bottom you feel they could be doing better; if you are in the middle, you say some aren't bad at all but if you sit at the top or close to it, you think they are just fine."

"I believe, however, that referees overall aren't doing a bad job at all."

"We all whinge and carry on about them but in the long run they are pretty fair—and after all, they are allegedly only human..." Bob said.

He added that some referees were naturally better than others.

"You get the top men who let the game flow; they do spot the fouls and so on but give the advantage to the injured team and then have a quiet word on the run to the offender."

"Then you have the refs who whistle the match to tiny bits."

"If there is one thing that the referees could do it is to improve the consistency level of their decisions."

"That's one of the things that annoys players and fans alike; what may be considered innocent and legal by one ref is punished by another."

CROATIA



"I suppose we can't really complain about the standard of refereeing," said Croatia president Tony Topic.

"After all, we have done pretty well so far."

"But part of the reason is that we have not really had to leave much to the referees," he said.

"The standard is still pretty good in the State League."

"We often get Phillips League referees at our games, and when they control a match the players tend to get on with the soccer more."

"It is when you have inexperienced referees that the problems happen," Tony said.

"The players try to get away with too much and forget about the soccer."

"I suppose the referees have the most unpopular job in soccer, but they do a pretty good job overall," he said.

PHILIPS CUP

The Wollongong v Leichhardt Cup clash came to life only after an hour and a quarter — and then goals fell in quick succession.

When Soper scored in the 89th minute, Leichhardt looked like certain winners — but a minute later Tredinnick forced the game into extra time.

And there, unexpectedly, the usually solid Wollongong defence collapsed, making elementary mistakes.

Leichhardt played well and O'Connor had some brilliant spells making the life of Willis pretty miserable.

—P. Posetti
Wollongong v Leichhardt 2-4(2-2, 0-0)
Wollongong: Preston, Willis, Da Graaf, Dunleavy, Ainsworth,

NSW DRAW

DIVISION 2

Lane Cove v. Gladesville, Sun. Pottery Green; Baulkham Hills v. North Ryde, Sat., Ted Horwood; Mt.Druitt v Bonnyrigg, Sat., Popondetta; Liverpool Albion v Dee Why, Sun., Stanwell Oval; Queens Park v. Riverstone, Sun., Erskineville; Marrickville v. Campbelltown, Sun., Mackay Park.

DIVISION 3

Kingsford v West Ryde, Sat., Turruwull Park; Ariarmon v. Bondi Marine, Sat., Ariarmon Res.; Port Hacking v Paddington, Sun., Bates Drive; Wanty v Padstow, Sun., Centenary Park; Sydney Uni. v Hurstville Zagreb, Sun., Uni Oval No.1; Fairfield Kew v. Eastern Creek, Sun., Knight Park No.4.

DIVISION 4

Eastwood v. Maroubra Utd., Sun., Upper Eastwood Oval; Chelsea v. Ryde District, Sat., Moore Park No.12; Fairfield West v. North Rocks, Sun., Parker Res.; Canterbury Hts. v. Revesby Rovers, Sat., King Park; West St. George v. Concordia, Sun., Ewart Park; Winston Hills v. West Holroyd, Sun., Max Ruddock Res.

DIVISION 5

Macquarie Uni. v. Pagewood, Sun., Macquarie Uni. Oval; Haberfield v. Sydney Macab, Sat., Beaman Park; Camden v. Hawkesbury, Sat., Ponderosa; Edensor Park v. Chullora, Sun., King Tomisval; Moorebank v. Glenquarie, Sun., Hammondville; Green Valley v. Auburn Juniors, Sun., Blaxland.

DIVISION 6

Transandinos v. Blacktown Workers, Sat., Booralee Park No.2; Blacktown Wands v. Parramatta, Sun., Grantham High; Hajduk Rangers v. Liverpool Rangers, Sun., Hajduk Stadium; Robins v. Liverpool City, Sun., Pacific Oval; Liverpool Utd. v. South Sydney, Sat., Childs Park; Bankstown Sports v. Colo-Colo, Sun., Condell Park High School.

Adam, Fleming, Lathan (Morlando 105m), McBreen, Fontana (Kay 60m) Tredinnick.

Leichhardt: Woodhouse, Skellern, Wilson, Hughes, McAusland, Kafka, Casacchia, Zaccarini, Soper, Morsello, O'Connor.

Goals: 0-1 O'Connor (75m) 1-1 McBreen (77m) 1-2 Soper (89m) 2-2 Tredinnick (90m) 2-3 Kafka (100m) 2-4 Soper (119m).

Referee: T. Boskovic;
Caution: Tredinnick.

The Philips Cup has not done the image of national soccer any good in Queensland over the last week or two.

The on-off tie between Townsville and Lions in the northern city attracted only 1200 people instead of the expected 6000(?), and in the next round tie, played at Perry Park (much to the chagrin of "home" team Grange Thistle) only 250 turned out to see Lions win 2-0.

So all along the line the competition, which is supposed to be a blue ribbon event in the Australian soccer scene, is stuttering and stammering on its merry way.

—J.B.

Marconi: Maher, Brogan, Mariani, Prskalo, Degeney, Henderson, Byrne, Housseini, Johnston, Jankovics, Sharne.

Canterbury: McPherson, Karaspyros, Laws, Barton, Lane, Binos, Williams, Georgiou, Bourke, Basterfield, Thamidis.

Goal: Byrne (62m., pen.).

Referee: A. Owens.

SYDNEY CITY V WESTON

1-0 (0-0, 0-0)

Sydney City: Pezzano, Mullen, Spanos, O'Connor, Bruce, Souness, Watson, Cant (Barnes 108m) Boden, Kosmina,

Silva (Murray 74m).

Weston: Bellamy, Stokes (Killen 108m) Davies, Miller, Bannon, Itur, Johns, Gemmill, Turnbull, Marrone (Degenham 105m), Morton.

Goal: Boden (116m).
Referee: K. Small.
Crowd (double-header): 2,000.



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Mark Jankovics

NSW YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 10 — ALL SATURDAY

	14s	15s	16s
GROUP 1:			
Gladesv. Hornsby v St. George	1-0	2-2	4-1
Bankstown v Leichhardt	1-3	0-2	1-3
Blacktown City v Croatia	3-1	0-3	3-1
Illawarra v Baulkham Hills	4-1	1-1	1-0
Polonia v Sthn. Eastern	1-1	1-2	0-2
Sydney Olympic v Melita	2-1	3-1	1-1
GROUP 2:			
Nepean v Ku-ring-gai	0-3	2-0	1-3
Central Coast v Avala	3-1	5-4	2-3
Marconi v Blacktown Assoc.	3-0	6-2	4-2
Sutherland v Sthn. District	2-1	1-0	2-4
Canterbury v Manly	1-1	4-1	2-1

NEXT WEEK:

ROUND 11 — ALL SATURDAY

GROUP 1:

Gladesv. v Bankstown — Pioneer Park
St. George v Croatia — St. John's Park
Blackt. City v Baulk. Hills — Gabbie Stadium
Illawarra v South East. — Balgownie
Polonia v Melita — Chopin
Olympic v Leichhardt — Lambert Park

GROUP 2:

Nepean v Riverwood — Hurstville
Kuringai v Avala — Knight Park
Central Coast v Blackt. Assoc — Francis Park
Marconi v South Dist. — E. Smith
Sutherland v Manly — Cromer Park

SPIDER'S NET

With Allan Maher

The "return" leg of our clash with New Zealand will be quite an affair on Saturday, especially now that Indonesia's scalp is also under their belt.

The pressure will be undoubtedly on the Socceroo players and we will just have to go on and win, almost at any cost.

The venue is something rather special — the Sydney Cricket Ground, where the atmosphere can be quite incredible.

The playing area will be the full, maximum size of 120 metres by 80 metres and this should suit us.

Only the cricket pitches which run across the park could cause inconvenience to the players.

At this time of the year that part of the ground becomes very hard, making it difficult to control the ball.

Peter Sharne has a new trick up his sleeve which all defenders will want to learn about pretty quickly.

I am not going to give away any secrets but it's

KATHOLOS POSER

The expulsion of Sydney Olympic's midfield captain Peter Katholos against Brisbane Lions will pose national team coach Rudi Gutendorf some interesting problems this week.

Katholos and another budding young Socceroo, Steven Hogg, were sent off in their sides' 1-1 draw and will both receive automatic one match suspensions.

But the question remains: will the suspension include Australia's vital World Cup qualifying match with New Zealand at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday?

The Philips League's secretary Paul Kemp said this week that Katholos and Hogg were both "out of action" for a week.

"From my understanding of the international rules of the code though, domestic suspensions don't apply to international games, just as a sending off in an international match doesn't affect appearances in club matches," Kemp said.

It is more than likely that it is an issue that will be left by the ASF for Gutendorf to settle.

Last year he punished Marconi's star striker Eddie Krncevic by leaving him out of the side which played in the Centenary match against England after Krncevic was twice sent off in club games.

At the time Gutendorf said any player who was sent off in club games wouldn't be selected for the national team while under suspension.



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WEST ADELAIDE v SOUTH MELBOURNE 0-2(0-0)

West Adelaide (4-4-2)

Tymczyszyn (3)	Forde (3)	Kambas (4)	Bozanic (4)
Boyle (3)	Topaz (4)	McKie (3)	Honeyman (3)
	Wright (4)	Pillans (3)	
Buljevic (3)	Evans (4)	Christopoulos (5)	
Shirra (5)	Stevenson (4)	Rogers (4)	
Davidson (3)	Blair (4)	Xanthopoulos (4)	Bannon (3)
		Laumets (4)	

South Melbourne (4-3-3)

Replacements: Brown (34m) for Pillans, Manecas (80m) for Honeyman.

Goals: 0-1 Christopoulos (49m), 0-2 Christopoulos (58m).

Referee: J. Rossis — Crowd: 2,200 — Cautions: Bannon, Rogers.

Even though they were pitted against the league tailenders it took the South Melbourne Gunners 49 minutes to establish that they are a top calibre team.

The Hawks flew into their work with great gusto in the first half, but once big George Christopoulos hit the bullseye the Gunners unleashed a fusillade of shots.

On the basis of the fare seen in this postponed game, South look a good bet to take out the championship, but Westad appear too talented to be relegated.

The essential difference between the teams in the end was confidence; South had it and West lacked it.

Westad coach Billy Birch did his homework well as he had John Stevenson shackled in the mid-field and had Branko Buljevic and Alan Evans well shadowed.

But no allowance was made for surprise package striker Christopoulos who emerged as South's goalscorer hero.

Perhaps it would have been better for the home side had they worried

less about the strengths of the opposition and concentrated more on their own talents.

As it was, it was a case of when you're hot you are hot; the underdogs fielded a partially fit Peter Boyle and lost David Pillans with a head injury after 34 minutes.

Christopoulos, remarkably mobile for such a big man, was right on the spot to nod a cross from Alun Evans over the head of Westad goalkeeper Martyn Crook to open South's account.

Questions need to be asked in the Hawks defence as to why Christopoulos was allowed a free header, but there can be no recriminations over his second magnificent goal.

Crook had no chance with the tremendous 20-metre thunderbolt which would rate highly on any "Golden Goals" competition.

Hawks were not without their chances, but too often smacked the ball straight at Peter Laumets when they were left with just the goalkeeper to beat.

—Allan Crisp

* Raul Blanco, Marconi: "I was pleased with my strikers who worked really hard at untangling the tight Blacktown defence."

* Sydney Sliders goalie Todd Clarke is on a business trip to Tokyo and so his young deputy, Tony Pezzano, has to stand in for him.

* Preston coach Brian Edgeley seemed shattered by the result. "I have nothing to say," was his sole post-match comment.



Alan Davidson.

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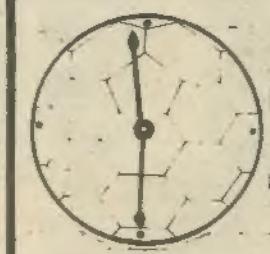
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LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

State League	I	N	III
P'matta v Bankst.	3-1	0-1	1-5
Sutherl. v Polonia	4-1	2-1	1-0
Croatia v Monaro	8-1	2-0	—
R'wood v St George	0-2	2-1	2-0
Melita v Cant.	0-0	2-0	1-3
Melita v Nth Svdnev	1-1	0-2	3-3
Sutherl. v P'matta	2-0	4-0	—

Division 1
Fairy Mdw. v Glades.
Penrith v Woll. Utd.
Bellmore v Kuringal
Uni NSW Bl'town
Bathurst v Warrin.
Revesby v Guildford
Nth Bankst. v Yugal

Division 2
Dee Why v Mt Dr.
L'pool Alb. v M'ville
Nth Ryde v L. Cove
B'rigg v B. Hills
Gladesv. v Q. Park
R'stone v C'beil.

Division 3
Bondi v K'ford
W. Ryde v Syd Uni
Padd'ton v Artarmon
P'stow v Pt Hacking
Wnly v Fairfield
H'ville v Eastern Ck.

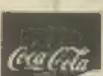
Division 4
Maroub. v W. St Geor
C'cordia v W.H'royd
Ryde Dis. v Eastwd.
N. Rocks v Chelsea
Revesby v Fairf. W.
Canley H. v Winst.H.

Division 5
Maccabi v Macq Uni
Hawkesb. v H'filed
Chullora v Camden
Edensor v G. Valley
P'wood v M'bank
Gleno. v Auburn J.

Division 6
P'matta v Transand.
L. Ryders v Bl. Wndrs
L. City v Rangers
Robins v Banksstown
Bl. Wks v L. Utd.
S. Syd. v Colo Colo

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THIS WEEK

Bankst. City v Croatia, Sun., Soccer Ctr. 54J/12
Inter Monaro v Riverwood, Sat., Marco Polo Oval
St. George v Melita, Sun., St. George 34 H/14
Cant. M'vle. v Sutherland, Sun., Arlington 27K/13
Polonia v Avala, Sun., Chopin, 115 H/4
Auburn v Manly, Sat., Mona Park 47 J/15
Nth. Syd. Int. v P'matta C., Sun., Nth. Syd. 59 J/15

DIVISION ONE

Blackt.Utd. v Bathurst, Sun., Francis Prk, 117G/7
Warring. v Revesby, Sat., Narrabeen F'ness 106H/3
Guildford v Fry. Mdw., Sun., Guildford Prk. 52J/2
G'l'vele v W'gong, Sun., Peel Park 40K/4
Penrith Utd. v Nth. Banks, Sun., Cool Prk, 114D/12
Yugal v Belmore, Sun., Concord Oval 30J/3
Kuringai v Uni NSW, Sun., Parklands Oval 110F/7
Nth. Bankst. v Fry. Mdw., Sat., Potts Prk, 50H/15

NEXT WEEK

Croatia v P'matta, Sun., K. Tomislav, 99
Riverwood v Banksstown, Sun., Hurstville, 35 B/5
Melita v Monaro, Sun., Everley Pk., 49 H/9
Sutherl. v St. George, Sun., Seymour, 93 H/14
Avala v Canterbury, Sun., Knight Pk., 52 F/9
Manly v Polonia, Sat., Cromer Park, 79 G/10
Nth. Sydney v Auburn, Sun., to be advised.

DIVISION ONE

Bathurst v Uni NSW, Sun., 2 B.O.D.
Revesby v Blackt.Utd., Sun., Milperra, 55 F/3
F. Meadow v Warringah, Sat., Police Boys Gr.
Wollong. Utd. v Guildford, Sat., Woonona
Nth. Bankst. v Gladesville Sun., Potts Park
Belmore v Penrith, Sat., Black Oval, 27 F/14
Kuringai v Yugal, Sun., Parklands, 110 F/7



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Eagles could maul Saints

Although it is unlikely to pack out their stadium to the extent that St. George's clash with Croatia did two weeks ago, the encounter between the competition leaders and their close rivals Melita is certain to ensure another bumper crowd on hand to watch the Saints and the Eagles do battle.

St. George found tough opposition in Riverwood last week and have been pitted at last against the top sides in recent weeks.

They have still come

through with flying colours and anyone who expects them to get cricket scores against sides like Croatia, Riverwood and Melita is seriously underestimating the strength of those teams.

The Eagles will be strong opposition for the Saints, as they have built up a good team unit, very similar to Saints.

We tip a narrow Saints win: 2-1.

In an other match this week Croatia will be entertained at the Sports Centre by Bankstown.

We can't see Bankstown causing Croatia too many problems, though their recent form has been unpredictable.

But we think a 3-0 win to Croatia is likely.

Riverwood should have enough guile to take the points from Monaro in Queanbeyan and we feel Sutherland's recent good scoring will continue with a win over Canterbury.

Polonia should be hard pressed by Avala and we see a draw, 1-1 in that game, while the Nor-

th Sydney-Parramatta match is also heading for

a draw on present form.

Manly could cause a surprise against the lethargic Auburn and we see the Seasiders winning by the odd goal in three: 2-1.



Riverwood's Alan Fisher

Croatia hold goal fiesta

It was Croatia's turn for a goal feast last weekend when they obliterated Queanbeyan team Inter Monaro 8-1 at the King Tomislav ground.

Competition leaders St George, who have also been responsible for many high scores this season, only won 2-0 against a stubborn Riverwood, with Peter Stone, the player recalled to the Socceroo squad last week, turning in an excellent game.

Croatia steamrollered Monaro with two goals coming from midfielder Brian Parker, and one each from Marian Kovacic and Bill Czolnowski while strikers Peter Hensman and Marcos Silva scored two goals apiece also.

The half time score was 3-0 and Monaro managed to pick up a consolation goal from Ian Heywood before Croatia put away their last five goals.

St George took only eight minutes to go to the lead against Riverwood with a goal from striker Ernie Campbell.

Riverwood's keeper Ron Gisbourne failed to hold the ball after a low, hard freekick from 40 metres, and Campbell was on hand to smash the dropped ball into the net.

Riverwood tried hard but couldn't get through a strong defence, while the Saints seemed prepared just to play the ball around and protect their lead.

The introduction of Barry Walker and David Skeen as substitutes sparked St George in the final 20 minutes to end Riverwood's hopes for a draw.

In the 77th minute Campbell set sail on a run from the midfield and dummied the defence before placing his shot well to beat Gisbourne and score a brilliant second goal.

Walker went close seven minutes later with a cracking shot that hit the post.

Canterbury played with 10 men for the entire second half to valiantly pick up a point in a scoreless draw with a disappointing Melita Eagles.

Canterbury goalkeeper Alex McPherson was the hero of the match, pulling off two superb saves, and their midfield of Allan Bourke, Neil Williams and Jim Basterfield also enjoyed a good day.

Berries striker Ross Brown was sent off two minutes before half time, for alleged retaliation, by referee Brian Fowler after a heavy tackle from Melita defender Greg McCoy.

Manly and North Syd-

ney played a fast, entertaining game that belied their bottom half of the table position when they drew 1-1.

In the first three minutes Manly got a goal from diminutive striker Stuart Regan but North Sydney drew level half an hour later with a goal from Shane Wilson.

CROATIA v INTER MONARO
8-1(3-0)

Croatia: Watson, A.Kovacic, Vidalic, M.Kovacic, Dobson, Sterry, Coleman, Czolnowski, Hensman, Parker (Rezzo 70m), Silva, Coach: D.Kapitanovic.

Monaro: Caputo, Crawford, Salgardo, Noble, Santolin, Francis, (Palombi 88m), Falzon, Arquero, Link, Sheridan, Heywood (sent off). Coach: J.Arquero Snr.

Goals: 1-0 Parker (21m), 2-0 Hensman (25m), 3-0 Silva (40m), 3-1 Heywood (48m), 4-1 Parker (52m), 5-1 Czolnowski (60m), 6-1 Hensman (70m), 7-1 M.Kovacic (76m), 8-1 Silva (88m).

Referee: P.Ramsey; Crowd: 1500; sent off: Heywood.

RIVERWOOD v ST.GEORGE
0-2(0-1)

Riverwood: Gisbourne, Hooper, Butcher, Wignall, Mikas, Lee, Savor, Tracey, Fisher, Langdon, Bullock.

ST.GEORGE: Fraser, Duarte, Terry, Barton (Skeen 70m), Rylands, McDonald, Davies, Stone, Campbell, Griffiths, Marton (Walker 78m.)

Goals: 0-1 Campbell (8m), 0-2 Campbell (77m.)

MANLY v NORTH SYDNEY 1-1(1-1)

MANLY: Ellis, K.Faulkner, Doyle, Emery, Kramer, Gheoghan, Stewart, P.Faulkner, Regan, Flirell, Palamara.

NORTH: Lilli, Gibson, J.Bottalico, Mattheou, McGinn, O'Rourke, Mitchell, Stevens, A.Bottalico (Morosello 70m.), Dale (Yousaf 85m.), Wilson.

Goals: 1-0 Reegen (3m.), 1-1 Wilson (35m.)

Referee: R.Loranc; Crowd: 380; Caution: Stevens.

MELITA v CANTERBURY 0-0

MELITA: Greedy, McCoy, Daly, Campbell, Thompson, Stoddart, Berry, Farnugia (McPherson 75m.), Allan, Martinez (Ross 50m.), Darvill.

CANTERBURY: McPherson, Karapayos, Lewis, Barton, Lane, Bourke, Gill (Thamnides 30m., then Georgiou 70m.), Williams, R.Brown (sent off), Basterfield, Binos.

Referee: B.Fowler; Crowd: 2500; Caution: Campbell.

SUTHERLAND v POLONIA 4-1(1-0)

SUTHERLAND: Haynes, Webber, Cashman, Donnelly, Williams, Hesford, Groome, Meades, T.Bush (Connor 75m.), Murphy, P.Bush.

POLONIA: Kalinowski, Zounis, Maltre, R.Budini, Galas, Garlowski, Sookee, Noble, Szobczyk, A.Budini, Lemanczyk (Jirsa 55m.)

Goals: 1-0 T.Bush (7m.), 2-0 Groome (8dm.), 2-1 A.Budini (70m.), 3-1 Groome (76m.), 4-1 Murphy (78m.).

Referee: N.Condron; Crowd: 420.

PARRAMATTA v BANKSTOWN 2-1(1-1)

PARRAMATTA: Donovan, Fairclough, Bigland, Bates, Lackey, Roden, Hynes, Hamilton, Fisher (Mitchell 67m.), Herron, Brizuela.

BANKSTOWN: Lechowicz, Rootsey, Usher, (Beveridge 84m.), Amies, Greg Lynch, Rea, Peck (Finch 68m.), Glen Lynch, Gilligan, Farthing, Beater.

Goals: 1-0 Roden (2m.), 1-1 Rootsey (35m., pen.), 2-1 Roden (49m.), 3-1 Brizuela (88m.).

Referee: T.Boskovic; Crowd: 230.

FIRST DIVISION

—By Charles Spiteri

Blacktown retained the lead of the competition — on goal average — with a rather convincing win over University, but they are closely followed by Yugal and Kuringai.

The return of Sam Meharg to the side will add punch to their already lethal attack.

Gladesville continued to hold their form with a 4-1 victory over North Bankstown.

Ilya Takac is quite pleased with recent results but he will be signing another player this week from St George to continue to strengthen the side — the man in question is Dave McIntosh.

Kuringai coach Harry Noon is also pleased with the progress of his team and although he lost goal scorer Neil Endacott to Newcastle, he is quite happy with the performance of big John McCranor in the striking position.

Wollongong kept in the race with a 2-0 win over Penrith while the unpredictable Bathurst went down to Warringah at home.

Coach Hugh Tinney will work his charges harder this week following their draw against lowly Gladesville.

Highlights of this week's matches were:

Penrith v Wollongong

Penrith, with two consecutive wins under their belt, took Wollongong with confidence and held on until half-time.

But the experience of Wollongong told after the interval who scored twice to ensure they keep up with the leaders.

Penrith: Kristic, Rhodes, Gaskin, Hobart, May, Smith, Lewis, Demattia, Hood (Hamill) Thoms, Beamer. Coach: S. Ackerman.

Wollongong: P. Terziowski, Montecchi, R. Sattin, Vuticovski, Tavelski, Campbell, M. Terziowski, H. Sattin, Gardner, P. Giraldi, P. Giraldi. Coach: M. Johnson.

Bathurst v Warringah

Two second half goals by Peter Killey and Alan Sturgess gave Warringah the surprise win of the season.

In the first half Bathurst had their share of the attacking but could not finish or even penetrate a well-marshalled Warringah defence.

After the interval, it was a different story and Warringah deserved their "away" points.

Bathurst: Lovett, Waine, Ashfield, P. Hadley, Lamberton, Tait, Alexander, Bullock, G. Hadley, Fish, Pickup. Coach: S. Cousins.

Warringah: Clements, Dunca, Morris, Collings, Ainslie, Sturgess, Friend, Beverley, Killie, Cook, Wright. Coach: A. Ainslie.

Fairy Meadow v Gladesville

Struggling to get out of a slump, Fairy Meadow still can't put it right and had to be happy with a point against Gladesville.

Mark Nile put Gladesville in front with a left footed volley.

Steve Baker put Fairy Meadow on level terms before he was sent off by the referee for dissent.

Fairy Meadow also had a goal disallowed.

Fairy Meadow: Beck, Pasquale, Southwell, Chibby, Tinney, Charock, White, Richardson, Baker, Lackenby, Gardner. Coach: H. Tinney.

Gladesville: Taylor, Kevern, Kendall, Harrison, Woodford, Goldsworthy, McGrath, Nile, Bull. Coach: J. Woodford.

Guildford v Reservoir

Guildford coach Mal O'Neill dropped several players from the side for missing training and he had to pay the price.

Reservoir were right on top throughout scoring four goals without reply.

The win lifted the side from the bottom of the table and could well keep going from here as they have the talent in the side.

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FROM THE PRESS BOX

Officialdom sometimes makes it extremely difficult for the Press to tolerate their incompetence. Very often it's the same old story over and over again: A nice fellow, full of ambition, secures a fulltime position, starts off with due modesty and humility and then, usually within a year, begins to believe that the game exists for his personal gratification.

Instead of staying servants of soccer, they often build their own little ivory towers; instead of tackling the multitude of problems, they start to play politics. More often than not, the Press puts up with this. But not always.

Last week we had cause to register a strong protest with the ASF's Brian Emery on two separate and unrelated issues. We reproduce here the complete conversation from our carefully kept notes.

"I am calling about the Australian Under-18 championships next week (this week by now, Ed.), why haven't we been told it's on?"

"You haven't been told?"

"No. Why?"

"Sorry, I assumed that the press releases had gone out."

"To whom?"

"To everyone who is on that telex-type list that they send out from Marketing. You didn't get one?"

"No. When was it sent out?"

"I don't know, I'd have to check. I just assume, you know, that it has gone out. Obviously it hasn't. Normally you get a telex release, don't you?"

"We got a telex today (Wednesday) telling us of tonight's Phillips Cup matches which is a very strange time to tell us (a day after we print)."

"Yes, a little bit late, isn't it."

"But we had nothing at all about the Australian Youth Championships."

"Look, I'm sorry mate, I can't palm it off to anyone else, we have to take responsibility. What can we do? Obviously there has been a foul-up."

"Who is responsible for it?"

"We assumed that it's gone out through Marketing..."

Comment:
Emery carries the impressive title of Youth Development Officer of the ASF with sole responsibility for soccer at that level.

He is the one who should notify the Press about youth events or, at least, make sure that another agency such as ASF Marketing does.

He is quite right: he cannot palm off responsibility.

I checked with colleague Tom Anderson from the Mirror: he didn't get any notification either.

And as there has been an almost total lack of publicity on the subject, I assume that most others have been also left in the dark.

And all that about an Australian Youth Championship for which the ASF even gets a Federal grant.

We also approached Emery on another matter. Last week his letter appeared in another soccer publication expressing his "official thanks" (what's that?) for the coverage that paper gave the World Youth Cup draw in Canberra a few weeks ago.

Although we are not used to getting letters of thanks, especially "official" ones, we found it strange that, under the circumstances, Emery sent off one to one paper but not to another.

Our conversation went like this:

"We were a bit taken aback by your letter in Soccer Weekly."

"Yeah, also 'Soccer Action.' I sent them one each." (S.A. did not publish it in its last issue.)

"And not to us?"

"No."

"You must have had a reason."

"Noooo... yes, sorry. The reason was a two-page spread with photos in both of them and I didn't notice yours. I thought it was a good job and I thought I should say thank you."

"And you didn't notice ours?"

"No, probably because I don't get it all the time."

"You didn't see that we had a whole front page on the event exactly a week BEFORE our two competitors? We actually printed the story and the full draw the same day it was made."

"Oh I see, yes..."

"But you didn't see it?"

"Well, it probably didn't get my attention."

"I am putting it to you very bluntly: why do you discriminate?"

"There was no discrimination. I just didn't notice yours."

"I regard it as blatant discrimination."

"You shouldn't take it that way because... there was none intended..."

"I have to take it that way."

"That was the first letter I wrote, to be honest..."

"You pointedly did this ignoring the newspaper that published the draw on the same day, not seven days later. We cannot understand your attitude."

"Right. My attitude in future will be that I won't thank anyone."

"Can I quote you on this?"

"Yes, definitely."

And we do. Verbatim.

Comment:
One would assume that Emery, as a fulltime man, takes the trouble of checking all publications to see what coverage the World Youth Cup in Canberra received.

Surely it's not such a major job. The ASF does get our paper every week and also subscribes to a clipping service.

To say that he didn't notice is the same as if we said that his appointment some time ago escaped our close attention...

If that's the sloppy way he will organise the World Youth Cup, of which he is the Championship Director, heaven help us.

--Andrew Deltre

anti-Gutendorf, hardly mentioned this episode: Docherty's stock remained high.

Gutendorf was stunned and furious but declined to comment.

His answer came in Auckland where he, too, broke an alleged promise and failed to include Katholos in HIS team.

Now these two flamboyant and often bombastic characters are at an undeclared war and the daily Press, giving both of them as big a podium as they need, urges them to fight to the death.

It would be all most amusing, even comical except for one thing: The whole drama is being played out at the expense of Australian soccer and its future.

No doubt many people wish that they would take their feud to some other place, to Glasgow or Koblenz and leave us to sort out our own problems.

Bear all this in mind on Saturday afternoon when you watch the Aussies in the World Cup match against New Zealand.

What will be at stake is not just the fate of the two vital points but also the career of Gutendorf and the possibility of Docherty being groomed to take over from him.

The main difference will be, the way I see it, that instead of struggling to cope with a German, we will have difficulty understanding a Scot.



'FRIENDLY' FEUD

All the drama surrounding the Socceros, fit for an ancient Roman amphitheatre, is being played out against a backdrop of almost Shakespearean intrigue, stirred up by the daily Press always hungry for a 'story' and eminently successful at bringing about confrontations where none exist.

Former Manchester United and Scotland team boss Tommy Docherty, now with Sydney Olympic, suddenly appeared as heir apparent to Rudi's throne. Docherty, while never failing to assert his friendship with Rudi and his admiration for the man, has kept tearing him apart with faint

praise and very thinly disguised heavy criticism.

I guess the breach between the two "friends" can be traced back to the Katholos affair.

Before the Auckland match against New Zealand, Docherty publicly pledged not to use Peter Katholos in Olympic's last match in order to keep him fresh, should he be selected.

Docherty, for a whole week, absorbed an extraordinary amount of praise for his gesture and was held up as the paragon of all coaching virtues.

But then Docherty had a change of mind — and did field Katholos...

The Press, blatantly

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